

Georgia's CMS State Plan Language for Peer Supports

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Peer Support. This service provides structured, scheduled activities that promote socialization, recovery, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and maintenance of community living skills, under the direct supervision of a mental health professional. Consumers actively participate in decision-making and program operation. Services are directed toward achievement of the specific goals defined by the individual and specified in the Individual Service Plan (ISP), and provided under the direct supervision of a Mental Health Professional. The interpersonal interactions and activities within the program are directed, supervised, guided and facilitated by the Mental Health Professional (MHP) in such a way to create the therapeutic community or milieu effect required to achieve individual treatment goals within a controlled environment. This concept is similar to the manner in which the staff leader in group therapy sessions or therapeutic community setting utilizes the interactions of the group members to achieve the desired individual therapy goals. Provider qualifications to provide these services are ensured by provider compliance with requirements and standards of the national accreditation Joint Commission on Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), Council on Accreditation of Services for Children and Families, Inc. (COA), Council on Quality Leadership (CQL), and/or State certification. . This service may be offered in a clinic setting or in the community. Providers are required to meet all applicable licensure and certification requirements, hold a current license and adhere to scope of practice definitions of licensure boards.